

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, starting with line 12, with the following amended paragraph:

The preparation of the carbonate precursors from transition metals nickel, cobalt, and manganese include the following steps: (1) Formulate a solution which combines a solution that contains a mixture of ions of ~~chromium cobalt~~, nickel, and manganese with another solution that contains CO₃²⁻ ions; (2) Combine the two solutions together to react and form the carbonate precursor, Ni_{1-x-y}Co_xMn_yCO₃.